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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Donald W. Thompson, Jr., Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Richmond Field Division, announce the indictment of Carolyn McNeil, age 58, of Brooklyn, New York.

McNeil was indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury in Richmond, Virginia on charges of interfering with a flight attendant on a U.S. Airways Express flight while it was en route from New York's Laganardia International Airport to Richmond on August 30, 2002. She was arrested by FBI agents when she arrived in Richmond. McNeil faces a maximum penalty of twenty years imprisonment, and a fine of \$250,000.00.

Assistant United States Attorney Gregg R. Nivala is prosecuting the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.